

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1004

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Lieutenant General John A. Bradley, United States Air Force, upon his outstanding and distinguished military career.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize members of the United States Armed Forces who have established distinguished records during their military careers and who have demonstrated great courage and competence in service to their country; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General John A. Bradley, Chief of the United States Air Force Reserve and Commander of the United States Air Force Reserve Command, is one such outstanding officer who, since 1967, has served this Nation in both peace and war with great valor, professionalism, and dedication to duty, earning a much-deserved retirement on June 24, 2008; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Lebanon native John Bradley received his Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics in 1967 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in August of 1967, following his completion of Reserve Officer Training Corps; and

WHEREAS, during his admirable forty-one year career with the United States Air Force, Lt. Gen. Bradley has fulfilled many noteworthy posts in service to his country; as a fighter pilot, he flew 337 combat missions in Vietnam and accrued 7,000 hours of flight time in crafts such as the T-38, the A-37/B, the A-10, the F-4/D/E (ARN-101), and the F-16C; and

WHEREAS, further distinguishing himself, Lt. Gen. John Bradley has commanded a fighter training squadron, a fighter group, a fighter wing, and numbered air force; he also has served as the Deputy to the Chief of the Air Force Reserve, the Deputy Commander of Joint

Task Force-Computer Network Operations, and as Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for Reserve Matters; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his unparalleled expertise and the éclat with which he always performed his duties, in 2004 Lt. Gen. Bradley acceded to the integrally important positions of Chief of Air Force Reserve, in which capacity he serves as the principal adviser on Reserve matters to the Air Force Chief of Staff, and Commander of Air Force Reserve Command, in which capacity he exercises full responsibility for the supervision of all U.S. Air Force Reserve units throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, proving himself a valuable resource in our Nation's defense, John Bradley has graduated from the National Security Management Course, Harvard University's Program for Senior Executives in National and International Security, and the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs's National Security Leadership Course; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Lt. Gen. Bradley's unswerving commitment to excellence has earned him the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with the Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Medal with three Silver Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with the V Device and the Silver and Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, the Combat Readiness Medal with Silver and Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, the National Defense Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with three Bronze Stars, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with the Bronze Star, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Air Force Overseas Ribbon, the Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with the Silver and three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with the M Device and the Hourglass, the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with the Bronze Star, the Air Force Training Ribbon, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with the Palm and Silver Oak Leaf

Cluster, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Kuwait Liberation Medal from the Kuwait government; and

WHEREAS, the singular Lt. Gen. John Bradley also won the 2005 Air Force Gray Eagle Award and the 2002 Meritorious Executive Presidential Rank Award; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Gen. Bradley exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Gen. John Bradley is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; and

WHEREAS, the distinguished military career of Lt. Gen Bradley can only be categorized as outstanding, and his courage and ability are peerless; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Lieutenant General John A. Bradley on his outstanding career with the United States Air Force, including his meritorious service as Chief of Air Force Reserve and Commander of the Air Force Reserve Command, praise him for his dedication to his country, thank him for his unceasing commitment to duty, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.